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Final Defendant Sentenced to Prison for Alhambra Burglary

An 18-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to four years in state prison for burglarizing an Alhambra home with two accomplices in May, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

At Thursday's court appearance, Deonte Jerome Pinker pleaded no contest to a felony count of first-degree residential burglary in case GA098884.

On Aug. 11, Pinker's co-defendant, Tavionne Eugene Davenport, 20, pleaded no contest to first-degree residential burglary, assault on a police animal, and battery upon a peace officer. Davenport was sentenced to four years in state prison.

The same day of Pinker's plea a third defendant, Keith Vincent Wickware, 22, pleaded no contest to first-degree residential burglary and admitted that he was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 2013. The defendant was sentenced to nine years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Theodore Swanson, who prosecuted the case, said Pinker, Davenport and Wickware broke into an Alhambra home on May 19.

Authorities were notified by the break-in and when they arrived at the house, all three of the defendants ran from the scene, the prosecutor added.

Law enforcement set up a containment area to search for the three burglars. Wickware and Pinker were located and arrested, according to the prosecutor.

Police released a search dog and when the canine got close to Davenport, he struck the dog, making its snout bleed. When authorities moved to restrain the defendant, he struggled with officers before finally being arrested, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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